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Public Service

Appointment of an upper division clerk as Superintendent in the Chief Secretariat in 1926.

* 43 *Q.*—B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that an upper division clerk of the Law Department was appointed as Superintendent in the Chief Secretariat in the last quarter of 1926; and

(*b*) if so, the name of the person so appointed with his qualifications and the pay drawn at the time of his appointment?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) C. S. David, B.A. (Hons.), Rs. 110.

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—" May I know whether it was not with the object of giving communal representation that this gentleman, Mr. C. S. David, was raised to the post of Superintendent, from one department to another, over the heads of so many senior clerks of the same department? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" I am sorry, Sir, I am not able to give any information on the point. A search for the papers in connexion with this question showed that they have unfortunately been destroyed, and therefore I am not able to say what the reasons for the appointment were."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—" Is it a fact that in 1926, there was not even one Christian Superintendent, and that was the reason for this gentleman being chosen from the upper division to the Superintendent's post? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" As I have stated I cannot say what the facts were."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" The hon. Member says that the papers were destroyed; were they destroyed in the ordinary course, or were they clandestinely destroyed? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" In the ordinary course I believe."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I know whether the hon. Member is in a position to deny that the appointment was made on communal considerations? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" I am not in a position to accept or to deny that statement."

Administration of Justice

Paucity of panchayat courts in South Kanara.

* 44 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in South Kanara there are many villages for which no panchayat courts have yet been constituted;